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Please amend claims 8, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15, and add claim 16, as follows;

1. (Original) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products comprising

a) a collection drum which is rotatably drivable about its drum axis and comprises first rests with first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over the circumference and extending in their longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, as well as conveyor elements for conveying the printed products on the first saddles in the axial direction along the firsts rests,

b) and comprising a conveyor means which comprises a conveyor path with a conveyor direction which at least in a transfer region deviates from the axial direction as well as second rests, movable in the conveyor path, with second saddles arranged distanced to one another and arranged transversely to the conveying direction

c) wherein the conveyor means in the transfer region is arranged adjacent to a collection drum end of the collection drum in a manner such that the printed products may be transferred from the collection drum end to the conveyor means or vice versa,

wherein

d) for the second rests movable in the conveyor path there is provided a conveyor unit detached from the collection drum.

2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the second saddles at least in the transfer region are movable parallel to one another at a predefined, equal distance in the conveyor

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3 path.

1 3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the second saddles at least in the
2 transfer region are movable parallel to one another at a predefined, equal distance in the conveyor
3 path, wherein the equal distance of the saddles corresponds to the distance between the first saddles in
4 the circumferential direction of the collection drum.

1 4. (Original) A device according to claim 3, wherein the rotational speed of the collection
2 drum and the conveyor speed introduced into the conveyor means by way of the conveyor unit may be
3 matched to one another in a manner such that always in each case a first saddle and a second saddle
4 with their sides facing one another reach the transfer region essentially at the same time and run
5 through it essentially equally quickly.

1 5. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the conveyor means in the transfer
2 region comprises a deflection means or a diverting means on which the second rests are movable in a
3 manner such that at least those sides of the first saddles and of the second saddles facing one another
4 run through circular arc sections on planes adjacent to one another, wherein the circular arc sections
5 are preferably concentric.

1 6. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the axial direction and the conveyor
2 direction are essentially perpendicular to one another at least in the region of the collection drum end.

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1 7. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the second rests are movably supported
2 on rails.

1 8. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 7, wherein comprising the second rests
2 on ~~their side lying sides~~ opposite the second saddles are being supported on at least one rail, ~~and/or in~~
3 ~~their half close to the saddle at least on a side limiting the longitudinal extension of the second rests~~
4 ~~are movably supported on a rail.~~

1 9. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~wherein working stations, such as~~
2 comprising the conveyor means accommodating operating connections with selected ones of inserting
3 stations, binding stations, in particular wire saddle stitching stations, adhering stations, further and an
4 additional collection stations and so on may be allocated to the conveyor means station disposed to
5 directly modify the printed products while the printed products are carried by the conveyor means.

1 10. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein comprising the second
2 saddles of the second rests in the complete conveyor path are movable in parallel with a predefined,
3 equal distance to one another, ~~for which in the conveyor means there are preferably provided and~~
4 ~~conveyor devices which~~ disposed to cooperate with the second rests ~~in their half which is close to the~~
5 saddle.

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1 11. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein the working stations may be allocated
2 to the conveyor means in an exchangeable sequence.

1 12. (Original) A device according to claim 10, wherein the working stations may be
2 allocated to the conveyor means in an exchangeable sequence.

1 13. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein in the second rests, preferably
2 integrated, there are arranged bending means, and to the conveyor means there may be allocated at
3 least one stapling apparatus as a working station which preferably is movably mounted on a rail
4 guided parallel to the conveyor path.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein ~~in the second rests,~~
2 ~~preferably integrated, there are arranged~~ comprising bending means elements integrated with the
3 second rests, and ~~to the conveyor means there may be allocated~~ at least one stapling apparatus
4 operationally aligned with the conveyor means as a working station ~~which preferably is~~ movably
5 mounted on a rail guided parallel to the conveyor path.

1 15. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the conveyor means is
2 designed as a revolving conveyor means with an upper and a lower side ~~or in [belt face] the form of a~~
3 ~~conveyor means~~ with an essentially horizontal conveyor path.

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1 16. (New) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products, comprising:

2 a) a collection drum rotatably drivable about a drum axis, comprising first rests with
3 first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over a circumference and extending in
4 longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, and conveyor elements for conveying the printed
5 products on the first saddles in an axial direction along the firsts rests; and

6 b) a conveyor arranged adjacent to a collection drum end of the collection drum to
7 accommodate transfer of the printed products between the collection drum end and the conveyor,
8 comprising a conveyor path with a conveyor direction deviating in a transfer region from the axial
9 direction, second rests, a conveyor unit detached from the collection drum, disposed to propel the
10 second rests along the conveyor path, and second saddles arranged distanced apart from one another
11 and arranged transversely to the conveying direction.